GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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REHABILITATION CAMPS FOR DISABLED
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from NGOs or SocialActivists to review the order to hold only `Comprehensive Rehabilitation Camps` for disabled people;

(b) if so, the objections to the concept of CRCs;

(c) whether the mentally handicapped people do not get adequate attention at such camps;

(d) whether the Government have any objection to discussing this concept with concerned activists; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to view this issue with an open mind?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The objection to the concept of comprehensive camps is that the mentally handicapped people require more time and attention and different specialists. It has been suggested that separate camps should be organized for mentally handicapped people.

(c), (d) & (e) Due attention is given to all categories of persons with disabilities including the mentally handicapped people in the camps. The Government has takendecision to cover persons with different disabilities together in a camp as far as practicable so that larger numbers can be covered for assessment, issue of disability certificates and providing aids/appliances. This does not preclude holding separate camps also for mentally handicapped, wherever required.